

Play and Learn Community Activity Guide



This directory was designed to provide families and professionals with information about activities in Delaware where all young children and their families can participate

The following is a list of programs and activities available throughout Delaware. Included are addresses and telephone numbers, as well as a brief description of what the program offers. Since this information will change with time, contact the agency for registration

updated program and information.



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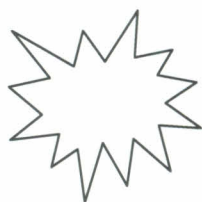
Delaware Library Association

Story Time programs for children are available at public libraries throughout the state. Call your local library for additional information.

Public Library	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone*	Library System (includes affiliates)
Appoquinimink Public Library	651 North Broad Street	Middletown	DE	19709	378-5588	New Castle County
Bear Library	101 Governors Place	Bear	DE	19701	838-3300	New Castle County
Brandywine Hundred Library	1300 Foulk Road	Wilmington	DE	19803	477-3150	New Castle County
Bridgeville Public Library	600 South Cannon Street	Bridgeville	DE	19933	337-7401	Sussex County
Claymont Library	3303 Green Street	Claymont	DE	19703	798-4164	New Castle County
Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library	115 High Street	Odessa	DE	19730	378-8838	New Castle County
Delaware City Library	P.O. Box 541, 250 Fifth Street	Delaware City	DE	19706	834-4148	New Castle County
Delmar Public Library	101 North Bi-State Blvd	Delmar	DE	19940	846-9894	Sussex County
Dover Public Library	45 South State Street	Dover	DE	19901	736-7030	
Elsmere Public Library	30 Spruce Avenue	Wilmington	DE	19805	892-9814	New Castle County
Frankford Public Library	8 Main Street	Frankford	DE	19945	732-9351	Sussex County
Georgetown Public Library	123 West Pine Street	Georgetown	DE	19947	856-7958	Sussex County
Greenwood Public Library	Mill Street	Greenwood	DE	19950	349-5309	Sussex County
Harrington Public Library	110 Center Street	Harrington	DE	19952	398-4647	
Hockessin Library	1023 Valley Road	Hockessin	DE	19707	239-5160	New Castle County
Kent County Library	2319 South DuPont Highway	Dover	DE	19901	698-6440	
Kirkwood Highway Library	6000 Kirkwood Highway	Wilmington	DE	19808	995-7663	New Castle County
Laurel Public Library	101 East Fourth Street	Laurel	DE	19956	875-3184	Sussex County
Lewes Public Library	111 Adams Avenue	Lewes	DE	19958	645-2733	Sussex County
Milford Public Library	11 S. East Front Street	Milford	DE	19963	422-8996	
Millsboro Public Library	217 W. State Street	Millsboro	DE	19966	934-8743	Sussex County
Milton Public Library	121 Union Street	Milton	DE	19968	684-8856	Sussex County
New Castle Public Library	424 Delaware Street	New Castle	DE	19720	328-1995	New Castle County
Newark Free Library	750 Library Avenue	Newark	DE	19711	731-7550	New Castle County
North Wilmington Branch	3400 North Market Street	Wilmington	DE	19802	761-4290	Wilmington Public Library
Rehoboth Beach Library	226 Rehoboth Avenue	Rehoboth Beach	DE	19971	227-8044	Sussex County

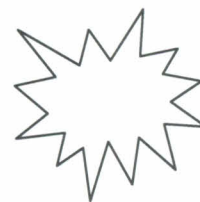
Public Library	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone*	Library System (includes affiliates)
Seaford District Library	402 North Porter Street	Seaford	DE	19973	629-2524	Sussex County
Selbyville Public Library	P.O. Box 739, 11 Main & McCabe Sts	Selbyville	DE	19975	436-8195	Sussex County
Smyrna Public Library	107 South Main Street	Smyrna	DE	19977	653-4579	
South Coastal Library	43 Kent Avenue	Bethany Beach	DE	19930	539-5231	Sussex County
Wilmington Public Library	10 East 10th Street	Wilmington	DE	19801	571-7400	Wilmington Public Library
Woodlawn Library	2020 West 9th Street	Wilmington	DE	19805	571-7425	New Castle County

<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/name.htm>



Gymboree

www.gymboreeclasses.com



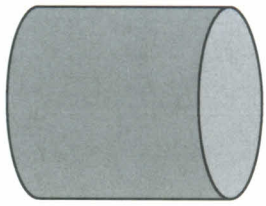
Gymboree Play & Music offers a progression of developmentally appropriate play, music and arts classes for children ages 0 - 5 and their parents. The primary consideration for placement is based on the child's overall development. Call your nearest location for information about classes.
Look for Free Class Passes online.



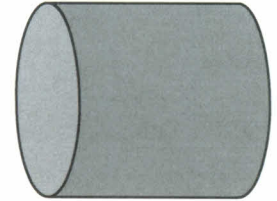
- ⚡ Gymboree - Play and Learn (0-5 years)
- ⚡ Music (6 months - 5 years)
- ⚡ Art (18 months - 5 years)
- ⚡ Sports (3 - 5 years)
- ⚡ Family (Multiage)
- ⚡ School Skill (3-5 years)

**4723 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 477-0553**

Email: nwilmde@gymboreeclasses.com



The Little Gym



www.thelittlegym.com

4758-A Limestone Road
Wilmington, DE 19808
(302) 998-5422
Fax (302) 998-5464

Email: wilmingtonde@comcast.net
www.tlgwilmingtonde.com

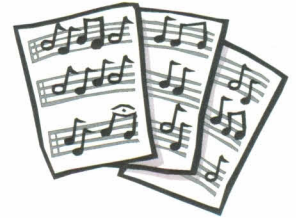
The Little Gym's unique curriculum offers your child a multitude of life enhancing benefits that will prepare them for a lifetime of success. While your child is building motor skills, they will also show improvement in social and intellectual skills. Your child will increase flexibility, balance and rhythm, and consequently improve self-esteem, and confidence. Listening skills, attention span and the ability to follow directions will improve. Finally, your child will become more confident, more willing to take risks, and challenge themselves in ways they never have before.

FREE INTRODUCTORY CLASS

Birthday Parties...Children's Dance Classes for ages 3-12.



The Delaware Music School



The Delaware Music School is a non-profit organization bringing music education to the Southern Delaware community.

Located throughout Kent & Sussex Counties in Dover, Milford, Lewes, Angola, and Millsboro.

The *Young Musicians* Program offers four classes for children 0-9 years of age. The first three classes (0-5 years) are designed for parent & child. Children with special needs are eligible for free tuition through a grant from the DFRC (Delaware Foundation for Retarded Children). Call for more information.

Wilmington Branch
4101 Washington Street
Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 762-1132
www.wilmingtonmusic.org

To view the 2011 schedule visit:

<http://www.wilmingtonmusic.org/assets/docs/summer-2011.pdf>

Summer Hours:
(June 27 through Labor Day)
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, closed (except for scheduled events)

Satellite Sites – Wilmington Branch

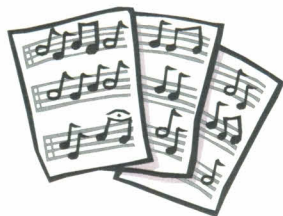
PIKE CREEK

Unitarian Universalist Society
579 Polly Drummond Hill Road
Pike Creek Valley
Newark, DE 19711

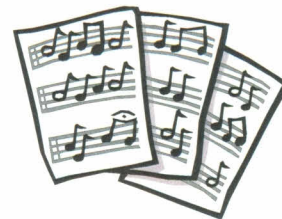
MIDDLETOWN

Middletown Odessa Townsend Senior Center
300 South Scott Street
Middletown, DE 19709





The Delaware Music School



Milford Branch

P.O. Box 442

10 S. Walnut Street

Milford De 19963

(302) 422-2043

www.wilmingtonmusic.org

To view the 2011 schedule visit:

<http://www.wilmingtonmusic.org/assets/docs/summer-2011.pdf>

Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, closed (except for

Satellite Sites – Milford Branch

DOVER

People's Church of Dover
46 South Bradford Street
Dover, DE 19904

FELTON

The Drum Pad
9751 South DuPont Highway
Felton, DE 19943

LEWES

Groome United Methodist Church
Dewey Avenue & Savannah Road
Lewes, DE 19958

SEAFORD

St. John's United Methodist Church
300 North Pine Street
Seaford, DE 19973

ANGOLA/LONG NECK

Long Neck United Methodist Church
32051 Long Neck Road
Millsboro, DE 19966



Music To Grow On

Contact Lt. Debbie Engle for more information:

302-628-2020

Or

302-668-7412 (Cell)

Salvation Army Music Classes:

Located in the Food Lion Shopping Center in Seaford.



Kee Notes Music Inc.



Debbie Kee
18890 Johnson Road
Lincoln, De 19960
302-422-0222

EMAIL FOR INFO: keenote18@hotmail.com

For schedules and times visit:

www.keenotemusic.com



VSA arts of Delaware

Arts Center/Gallery
Delaware State University
1200 North DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 857-6699
Fax: (302) 857-6698

www.VSAdelaware.org

Hours: Weekdays: 9:00am to 5:00pm



VSA arts of Delaware (formerly known as Very Special Arts - Delaware) is a non-profit organization that provides individuals with disabilities with a means to express themselves through art. Programs are available for all ages.

Start With the Arts is an early childhood curriculum where children learn basic preschool concepts through art. This curriculum is especially designed for children ages four through six.

Uses the 4 art domains: dance, drama, music and visual layouts.

Available in Spanish

Center for the Creative Arts

410 Upper Snuff Mill Row & Route 82 North
Yorklyn, DE 19736
(302) 239-2434
Fax: (302) 489-120

www.ccarts.org

Office Hours: Mon - Thurs. - 9:00am to 7:00pm
& Fri. - 9:00am to 4:00pm

The Center for the Creative Arts is a non-profit community art center offering visual & performing art opportunities for children of all ages.

Exploratory Art for Pre-Schoolers is an art program designed for pre-school children and their parents.

The *Art for Special Kids* Program provides art therapy, educational support and creative arts experiences for children with special needs.

There is a Summer Arts to Grow Camp available in 2009!

Email for more information: info@ccarts.org



Theatre for Kids

The Children's Theatre Inc.,

120 N. State St.

P.O. Box 402

Dover, De 19901

Tickets: (302) 335-2569

www.thechildrenstheatre.org

Email for more information: president@thechildrenstheatre.org

Seasons normally run from November through April

Youth doing theatre for children and families, as well as schools and other groups

Dance Conservatory

522 Otis Drive, Tudor Industrial Park

Dover, De 19903

(302) 734-9717

Fax: (302) 734-0965

www.dancebtd.com

Email for more information: pasdance@aol.com

Offers ballet performances throughout the state.

School Office Hours: Mon - Fri 4pm to 6pm

Delaware Children's Theatre

1014 Delaware Avenue

Wilmington, DE 19806

(302) 655-1014

www.dechildrenstheatre.org

Email for more information: info@dechildrenstheatre.org

Children's Theatre has been entertaining children for over 25 years.

Delaware Theatre Company

200 Water Street

Wilmington, DE 19801

Box Office:(302) 594-1100

Administration: (302) 594-1104

www.delawaretheatre.org

Offers both educational and entertaining plays for children.

The Grand

818 N. Market Street

Wilmington, De 19801

Box Office: (302) 652-5577

(800) 37-Grand

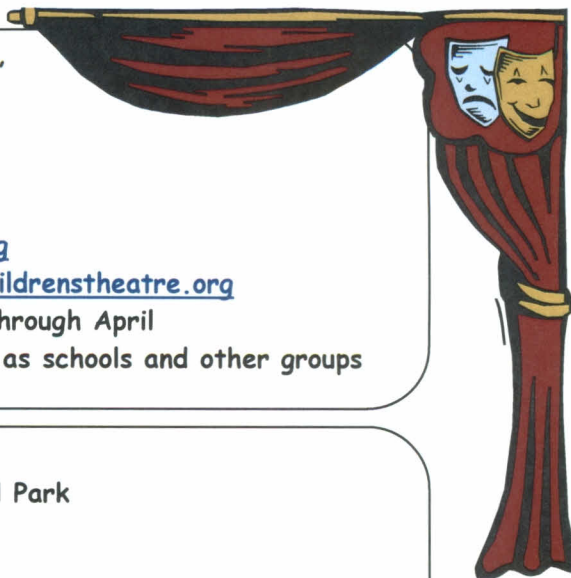
www.grandopera.org

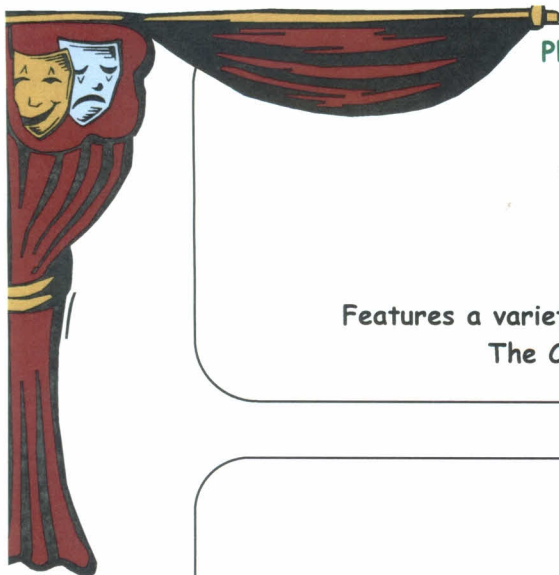
Email for more information: grandopera@grandopera.org

They offer Kid and Family Programs



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Playhouse Theatre/ DuPont Theatre

1007 North Market Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
302-656-4401 & 800-338-0881
www.duponttheatre.com



Features a variety of shows, including children's performances and The Children Series at the DuPont Theatre.

Possum Point Players

441 Old Laurel Road
Georgetown, DE 19947
(302) 856-3460
(302) 856-4560 - ticketline
www.possumpointplayers.org

Email for more information: mail@possumpointplayers.org
Sussex County's community theatre also offers a theatre camp.

Rehoboth Summer Children's Theatre

20 Baltimore Avenue
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
(302) 227-6766
www.rehobothchildrenstheatre.org



Offers family entertainment in a variety of productions.
30th Season runs from June 28th to August 24, 2011

Second Street Players

2 S. Walnut Street
Milford, DE 19963
(302) 422-0220
<http://www.secondstreetplayers.com/>

Email for more information: ssptickets@verizon.net
Productions include musicals, comedies, drama and children's productions.

Wilmington Drama League

10 W. Lea Boulevard
Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 764-1172
www.wilmingtondramaleague.org

Wilmington Drama League is Delaware's oldest community theatre

Theatre for Kids



Delaware Museum of Natural History



4840 Kennett Pike (Route 52)
Wilmington, DE 19807
(302) 658-9111
Fax (302) 658-2610

www.delmnh.org



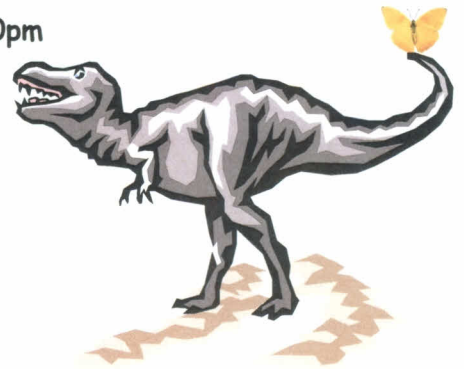
Delaware Museum of Natural History offers several educational programs and activities for young children. Museum features for kids include the Discovery Room and the Gallery of Games.



Monday thru Saturday: 9:30am to 4:30pm
Sunday: 12pm til 4:30pm

Admission

Children 3 and younger are free...
Children 3-17 years are \$6...
Adults are \$8...
Seniors are \$7...



Summer Camp for ages 2 - 10 years.
(Email or call for details) : lvitelli@delmnh.org

For a look at their brochure...

<http://www.delmnh.org/DMNHSummerCamp2011.pdf>

Family fun with life-sized dinosaurs, Great Barrier Reef, Butterfly Garden, and African Watering Hole.



Delaware Nature Society

www.delawarenaturesociety.org

The Delaware Nature Society offers numerous activities, programs and field trips throughout the year. Programs are offered for all ages, from 18-month-old toddlers to adults. Call for schedule, fees and registration information.

Summer Camps Available for children Ages 3- 15 years.

Site I

Abbott's Mill Nature Center
15411 Abbott's Pond Road
Milford, DE 19963
(302) 422-0847



Site II

Ashland Nature Center
Barley Mill & Brackenville Rds
P.O. Box 700
Hockessin, DE 19707
(302) 239-2334

Site III

Coverdale Farm
543 Way Road
Greenville, De 19807
(302) 239-2334

Site IV

Cooch-Dayett Mills
904 Old Baltimore Pike
Newark, De 19702
(302) 239-2334

Site V

DuPont Environmental Education Center
1400 Delmarva Lane
Wilmington, De 19801
(302) 656-1490

Site VI

Buena Vista
661 S. DuPont Hwy (Rt 13)
New Castle, De 19720
(302) 239-2334

Miscellaneous Sites for the DN Society

- **Blair's Pond**
4994 Williamsville Road, Milford, DE 19963
- **Bucktoe Creek Preserve** -
432 Sharp Road, Avondale, PA 19311
- **Burrows Run Preserve** - (Click for
Directions & GPS Coordinates) 1368 Ashland
Clinton School Road, Hockessin, DE 19707
- **Flint Woods Preserve** - (Click for
Directions & GPS Coordinates) 350 Twaddell
Mill Road, Wilmington, DE 19807
- **Isaacs Preserve**
7766 Lindale Road, Greenwood, DE 19963
- **Lindale Tract Preserve**
7766 Lindale Road, Greenwood, DE 19963
- **Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve & Slaughter
Beach**
Bay Avenue, Slaughter Beach, DE
- **Mortensen Property** -
Pleasant Hill Road, Newark, DE
- **Nature Barn** - Red Clay Reservation
996 Old Wilmington Road, Hockessin, DE
19707
- **Pope Property Trail**
15076 Abbott's Pond Road, Greenwood, DE,
19950
- **Woodland Beach**
2 Beach Avenue, Smyrna, DE 19977

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/bombayhook/>



*Featuring: Connecting with
Nature Webpage*

2591 Whitehall Neck Road
Smyrna, DE 19977
Office (302) 653-9345
Visitor Center (302) 653-6872

For Kids and Teachers!

Bombay Hook is the largest national wildlife refuge in the Delmarva peninsula. Endangered birds and wildlife live on 16,000 acres of land. Observation towers, walking paths and auto tours are available.

The refuge is open everyday from sunrise to sunset.

The visitor center hours are:

Monday Thru Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm



Delaware State Parks



www.destateparks.com

Delaware's state parks feature a variety of activities for people of all ages. Each location has its own programs and special features which vary by season. Call the park office for more information about current programs and events.



Bellevue State Park

800 Carr Road
Wilmington, DE 19809
(302) 761-6963
Art Center: (302) 793-3046
(302) 761-6963 (Fox Point State Park)
Open From 8am until Sunset daily

Programs: Stroller Rollers, Wee Have Fun Club, Summer Camps
Features: Fox Point State Park's spectacular view of the Delaware River

Brandywine Creek State Park

41 Adams Dam Road
P.O. Box 3782
Wilmington, DE 19807
(302) 577-3534
Nature Center: (302) 655-5740
Open From 8am until Sunset daily
Programs: Terrific Toddlers Nature Program, Kite Day, Nature Explorers

Cape Henlopen State Park

42 Cape Henlopen Drive
Lewes, DE 19958
(302) 645-8983
Campground: (302) 645-2103
Open From 8am until Sunset daily



Biden Environmental Center
(302) 644-5005

Seaside Nature Center
(302) 645-6852

Features: beaches, campgrounds, sports facilities, outdoor concerts

Delaware State Parks



Delaware Seashore State Park

130 Coastal Hwy

Inlet 850

Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

(302) 227-6991

Campgrounds: 1-877-987-2757

Most areas open: 8am until sunset daily. Call park office for specific times.

Features: beach activities (boating, fishing, sailing, surfing, sunbathing), Thompson Island salt marshes

Fenwick Island State Park

39415 Inlet Road

Rehoboth Beach, De 19971

(302) 227-2800

Most areas open: 8am until sunset daily. Call park office for specific times.

Features: beach activities (boating, fishing, sailing, surfing, sunbathing),

Fort Delaware/Fort DuPont State Park

P.O. Box 170

Delaware City, DE 19706

(302) 834-7941

Open From 8am until Sunset daily

Features: Ferry ride to Pea Patch Island, Historical Day

Holts Landing State Park

C/o Delaware Seashore State Park

Inlet 850

39415 Inlet Road

Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

(302) 227-2800

Most areas open: 8am until sunset daily. Call park office for specific times.

Features: picnics on the bay, only crabbing pier in the state, Fenwick Island beaches open in the summer only

Killens Pond State Park

5025 Killens Pond Road

Felton, DE 19943

(302) 284-4526

Campground (302) 284-3412

Open From 8am until Sunset daily

Features: campgrounds, boating & fishing, water park

Delaware's only Water Slide Park featuring Tot lot and baby pool with frog slides and bubbles. Year round camping.



Delaware State Parks



Lums Pond State Park

1068 Howell School Road

Bear, DE 19701

(302) 368-6989

Whale Wallow Nature Center: (302) 836-1724

Open From 8am until Sunset daily

Features: fishing, sports facilities, hiking trails on Delaware's largest freshwater pond

Trap Pond State Park

33587 Baldcypress Lane

Laurel, DE 19956

(302) 875-5153

Baldcypress Nature Center: (302) 875-5163

Camp Ground: (302) 875-2392

Open From 8am until Sunset daily

Features: Cypress Swamp, boating & canoe rental, hiking trails, campgrounds

White Clay Creek State Park

425 Wedgewood Road

Newark, DE 19711

(302) 368-6900

Chambers House Nature Center (302) 368-6560

Open From 8am until Sunset daily

Programs: Leisurely Strolls, Nature Nuggets

Wilmington State Parks

1021 West 18th Street

Wilmington, DE 19802

(302) 577-7020

Open From 8am until Sunset daily

Wilmington State Parks include Brandywine Park & Zoo, Rockford Park,

H. Fletcher Brown Park and Alopocas Woods Natural Area

Programs

Brandywine Zoo

Story Time at the Zoo.

The Zoo is open daily from 10am until 4pm. Admission is charged March thru November and for Special events.

Children under 3 are free.



RESOURCES FOR CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN



Community Organizations and Family Fun Activities



- **Child's Play by the Bay** – Play to learn groups, preschool, power play dates and groups for play and learning including “little sponges”, “pitter patter”, “busy bodies”, and “jumping beans”.

(302) 645-2153 ~ www.childsplaylewes.com

1510 Savannah Road

Lewes, De 19958



- **CoCo's Funhouse** - For children to have fun while interacting in a social environment with others.

(410) 860-0404 ~ www.cocosfunhouse.com

The Twilly Center

337 Civic Ave Unit 500

Salisbury, Md 21804



- **Creatable Crafts** - paints, pottery, tie dye projects. A hands-on drop in studio to bring the artist out in your child. Hands on Studio, birthday parties, paint your own pottery. Studio provides materials, supplies and instructions. Young children classes offered October through May.

302-227-1020 ~ www.creatablecrafts.com

146 Rehoboth Avenue

Rehoboth, De 19971



- **Delaware Aero Space Education Foundation** – The DASEF vision is to create an exceptional learning environment for child and their families with an appreciation for their place in the universe.

302-659-5003 ~ www.dasef.org

585 Big Oak Road

Smyrna, De 19977



- **Delaware Agricultural Museum & Village** Year round family fun in Dover. Craft shows, youth activities, exhibits, museum discovery...

302-734-1618 ~ www.agriculturalmuseum.org

866 N. DuPont Highway

Dover, De 19901



- **Discover Sea Shipwreck Museum:** Located in Fenwick Island. Family fun discovering pirates, shipwrecks and artifacts. Seashells and marine life tanks offer education about the sea to all. Free admission.

(302) 539-9366 or (888) 743-5524

www.discoversea.com

708 Ocean Hwy

Fenwick Island, De 19944



- **Ice Skating:** Located at the Harrington State Fair Grounds – open September through April. Great family fun. Parent and tot classes offered.

(302) 398-5900 ~ <http://www.skateatthefair.com/centre/>

18500 S. DuPont Hwy

Harrington, De 19952



- **The Little School at Kid's Cottage: Dover:** Child Care center offering educational activities designed for preschool children. Play and learning activities to reinforce foundations for school success such as preschool, summer camps, children's parties and special events.

(302) 734-3040 or (888) 556-5437

www.kidscottage.com

105 Mont Blanc Boulevard

Dover, De 19904



- **Kid Cottages:** Child Care center offering educational activities designed for preschool children. Play and learning activities to reinforce foundations for school success such as preschool, summer camps, children's parties and special events.

(302) 644-7690 or (888) 556-5437

www.kidscottage.com

35448 Wolfeneck Road

Rehoboth, De 19971



- **Nanticoke Indian Museum:** - Located in Millsboro area. Great historical and cultural Kid focused fun. Lots of opportunities to learn about the Nanticoke people. Some artifacts date back to 10,000BC. ***Nanticoke Pow wow September 10th & 11th 2011.

(302) 945-3400 ~ <http://www.nanticokeindians.org/>

27673 John J. Williams Hwy

Millsboro, De 19966



- **Parents as Teachers Stay and Play:** A great place for parents and children to meet and socialize with other parents and children. Free play, songs and story time at locations in each county. Ages birth to 48 months.

For information in

Sussex County: (302) 856-5239 ~

Kent County (302) 697-4545

New Castle County (Bear) (302) 454-5955

(Newark) (302) 831-0469

www.parentsasteachers.org



- **Read Aloud Delaware:** www.readalouddelaware.org or call them at 1-877-656-READ. Organization with volunteer readers. Pamphlets can be obtained with "Read Aloud Hints" for parents by mail or online.



- **Salisbury Zoo:** Kid Friendly, free to the public. A fun relaxing environment for learning opportunities for the entire family including story times, picnicking and playground activities. It opens daily at 8am.

(410) 548-3188 ~ www.salisburyzoo.org

755 S. Park Drive

Salisbury, Md 21804



- **Sussex County Library** – www.sussex.lib.de.us Library hours and locations
Or call (302) 855-7890



- **Wicked R Western Ranch** – Family fun games, shows, pony pals, birthday parties, rodeos and more

302-492-3327 ~ www.wickedr.com

2621 Sandy Bend Road

Wyoming, De 19934



- **Winswept Stables:** Located in Lewes, De. Have great outdoor fun for children and their families. Offerings are the petting zoo, games, pony rides, birthday parties, and picnic tables.

(302) 645-1651 ~ www.winsweptstables.com

34184 Eventers Way

Lewes, De 19958



- **YMCA** – www.ymcade.org Children activities, family for ideas. Schedules and general information

Useful Websites

■ www.babycenter.com  Find us on Facebook

■ www.bookpal.net/storyline

■ www.childcareinc.org

■ www.DelmarvaYouth.com

■ www.edpubs.gov

■ www.familyplayandlearn.com/

■ www.fisher-price.com

■ www.hanen.org

■ www.literacytrust.org

■ www.metrokids.com  Find us on Facebook

■ www.delaware.Momslikeme.com

■ www.newcomersclub.com/de.html

■ www.ParentingCenter.com

■ www.preschoolrainbow.org

■ www.sandbox-press.net  FOLLOW US

■ www.Sesamestreet.org

■ www.storyplace.org

■ www.talktoyourbaby.org

■ www.wlearning.com

